News release

Building in the weather

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Builders and construction workers can now access a new service that will tell them what the weather is going to be like specifically for their local area, for the coming five days. This week the Met Office launched a specially-tailored weather forecasting service, called MetBuild Direct, designed to help the building and construction industries plan their schedules of work, to optimise resource utilisation and reduce downtime.

Automatically delivered seven days a week, from 4 a.m. onwards, and covering 45 different areas across the UK, the forecasts can be specially-tailored to meet the particular needs of every type of construction site - from major projects to house repairs. The customers can choose up to six different weather elements in their individual forecasts to meet the needs of their project. They are then sent the forecast via fax or email and can also opt to talk to a forecaster 24 hours a day.

Hazel Jewell, Sector Marketing Manager at the Met Office, said: "The building and construction industries are very susceptible to the weather. By using MetBuild Direct everyone from major contractors to single individual builders can plan their work around the elements - saving them time and money. By listening to our customers and working with industry experts, we have designed MetBuild Direct specifically to meet the needs of the construction industry."

The Met Office also provides site specific forecasts for tower cranes and a wide range of historical climate data.

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